

[Mr. S. Paramesvara Aiyar.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) to (d) The member is referred to the answer furnished to interpellation No. 30.

*Evasion of Payment of Customs Duty.*

33. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (a) (i) Are the Government aware of the fact that large consignments of cocoanut, coir, fibre and other dutiable articles have been, of late, allowed to pass through the Quilon Land Entrance chowkey without payment of duty?

(ii) Has the Excise Commissioner reported to the Government on the subject? If not, will they be pleased to call for the records and place them on the table?

(b) Are they aware of the fact that more than one firm at Alleppey have of late been exporting dutiable articles, viz., the produce of cocoanut trees, without payment of duty?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) (i) No dutiable articles are reported to have been allowed to pass the Quilon Land Entrance chowkey without payment of duty.

(ii) In view of the answer to part (a) this question does not arise.

(b) One Alleppey firm has been reported to have exported cocoanut oil without payment of full duty.

*Smuggling through the Quilon Land Entrance Chowkey.*

34. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*):

Have the Government had occasion to know that, although cocoanut oil valued at a considerable amount was smuggled through the Land Entrance chowkey, Quilon, in 1098, and the same was detected, the authorities concerned have not taken any legal action in the matter? If not, will the Government be pleased to call for the records and examine them?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 33.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): These are not identical questions. Mr. M. N. Pillai's question is about the consignment of cocoannt, coir, etc. My question is about cocoanut oil alone.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A portion of the question of Mr. M. N. Pillai relates to cocoanut oil. *Vide* part (b).

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): That is only about the Alleppey firm.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, only about it.